

OHV

Off Highway Vehicle



CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

An off-highway vehicle (OHV) is a term referring to all-terrain vehicles (ATV), off-highway motorcycles (OHM) and 4-wheel drive trucks.

Chippewa National Forest OHV Policy

The Chippewa National Forest is implementing the November 2007 OHV Road Travel Access decision. This policy applies only to Chippewa National Forest lands, trails and roads.

Where to Ride

- OHV use is allowed only on roads that are designated open for such use, **as marked on the Motorized Vehicle Use Map.**
- Forest Service roads are identified and signed with a number at their main intersection with other roads.
- Designated roads include both low standard and higher standard roads. Please show caution when sharing a road with passenger vehicle traffic.

Low standard roads are Forest Service roads planned, constructed, and maintained for future-management use. They are managed for use by high clearance vehicles. Passenger car traffic is not encouraged.

High standard roads are Forest Service roads managed for passenger car traffic. Specific high standard roads are open for OHV use. Please show caution when sharing a road with passenger vehicle traffic.

Get the Map

To locate Forest Service roads and trails a free *Chippewa National Forest Motorized Vehicle Use (MVU)* map is available showing numbered roads on the Forest open to OHVs. The map is available at national forest offices in Blackduck, Cass Lake, Deer River and Walker. The black and white MVU map is updated annually. Make sure you have the most recent copy.

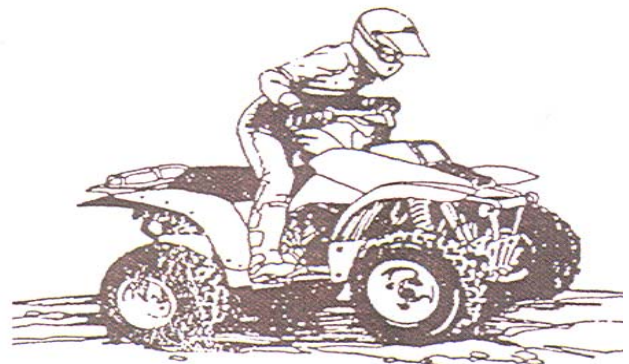
Where Not to Ride

- Cross-country motorized travel off of system roads and designated motorized trails is prohibited.
- Big game retrieval and other OHV use such as bear baiting or trapping is prohibited off designated system roads or trails is prohibited.
- **All roads open to OHVs will be temporarily closed during the spring break-up period between March 15 and May 1 each year.**
- About 110 miles of roads open to OHVs will be affected by seasonal closures to protect habitat for endangered, threatened or sensitive species.

This policy only involves National Forest system land, trails, and roads on the Chippewa National Forest. Contact other public land agencies for their specific OHV policies.

Get Involved in the Trail Planning Process

Planning for additional OHV connector trails and opportunities will soon occur. Federal, tribal, state and local government agencies will work together to identify these opportunities across multiple ownerships. Public meetings will provide you an opportunity to comment on the specific proposals.



OHV Planning – What you can do:

Mailing List

Contact one of the offices listed below and ask to be added to the forest wide mailing list to receive OHV info. You will receive notification of public meetings, and proposed projects as part of OHV planning.

Talk to Law Enforcement officials and land managers

To clarify where to ride, ask questions. OHV riders want to be responsible trail users. Managers want to know more about where users want to ride.

Check the NEPA Quarterly Newsletter

Four times a year, each Forest Service District Ranger announces current and upcoming project proposals (including roads and trails) in the NEPA Quarterly. The NEPA Quarterly is available by mail, at all Forest Service administrative offices or online at www.fs.fed.us/forest/chippewa/publications. For each project proposal, public comments are accepted for a specific period of time.

Pocket Reference Card

OHV POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- All cross-country OHV travel into the Chippewa National Forest off roads and trails is prohibited.
- The policy allows for OHV use only on National Forest roads and trails that are designated open for such use.
- ATV summer use is permitted on the Soo Line Trail.
- OHV use is prohibited in the Suomi, Trout Lake and North Winnie Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Areas and Non-Motorized trails like the North Country Scenic Trail
- OHV travel is not allowed in ditches and shoulders of National Forest roads.
- All National Forest roads open to OHV use are temporarily closed during spring break-up March 15 to May 1 each year.
- Seasonal closures to protect habitat will be posted.
- To locate Forest Service system roads and trails a free Chippewa Motorized Vehicle Use map is available showing numbered roads on the Forest open to OHVs.
- National Forest roads closed or open to OHV use may change due to monitoring of road conditions. Please contact the Chippewa National Forest annually for current road information and maps.



For More Information Contact:

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Deer River Ranger District
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Deer River, MN 56636 PH: (218) 246-2123

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